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Of the Late

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UPON THE

PROTESTANTS.

By Endeavouring to Corrupt

Captain *BURY* and Alderman *BROOKS* of *Dublin*,

And to take off the Evidence of

Mr. *OATS* and Mr. *BEDLOW*, &c.

As appears by the Depoſitions taken before the Right Honourable

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One of His Majeſties late Principal Secretaries of State;

And the ſeveral EXAMINATIONS before Sir *WILLIAM WALLER*, Knight, One of His Majeſties Juſtices of the Peace.

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THE DEPOSITIONS OF Captain BURY.

ON the 11*th* of this Inſtant *January*, I received the annexed Note from Mr. *James Nettervile*; on the 13*th* I went to him; as ſoon as I came, he told me, he had ſomething to impart to me in private; We went into a Room alone, and he asked me if I did not hear that there were perſons making inquiry to find out ſome that would amuſe thoſe that had impeached the Lords, and thoſe concerned about the Plot. I told him I heard nothing of it. He told me there were ſuch, and that I ſhould find the Game would turn another way; and that I might do my ſelf a kindneſs, if *I* pleaſed. *I* told him my Affairs called me for *Ireland*, that I muſt be gone on the *Thurſday* following. He told me it would be worth my while to ſtay; and asked me if I could nor prove that one Mr. *Digby* had meetings with Mr. *Oats* and Mr. *Bedlow*. *I* told him no, for he knew there had been no great friendſhip of late betwixt us (this I lookt upon as an introduction to the deſign); but he came cloſe to me, and told me, a perſon had been with him concerning this matter, and that indeed they had a jealouſie of Mr. *Blood*; and if I would diſcover any thing of that nature againſt him, I ſhould have 4 or 500 *l.* for my pains. To this I ſeemed to hearken (but was much ſurpriſed at this unexpected diſcourſe), and did plainly ſee their deſign was to turn the Game another way, as he ſaid before. I did not diſcourage him, but told him I would conſider of it; and if I did not go on *Thurſday*, I would ſee him again; and that he knew well I was very hard to believe this Plot; and then he told me

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that he could bring a Priſoner in that place to drink a Pot of Ale with me, that could give me an account what a Rogue Mr. *Bedlow* was; but I being in haſte, took my leave of him, he injoyning me to ſecreſie. At my return I could not meet with Mr. *Blood*, but having ſome buſineſs with Sir *Ralph Dalaval*, and the Lady *Elizabeth* his Daughter, and being full with this Deviliſh deſign, I told the ſtory to them, and ſaid, When I was in *Ireland*, I ſhould hear, and they ſhould find that this was the Game they intended to play, To turn the Plot from themſelves, and doubted not they would find ſome to carry it on.

On the 14*th* (in the morning) I went to Mr. *Bloods* houſe, and acquainted him with it; he deſired me to meet him in the evening, becauſe he deſired to conſider of it; but told me then, he had no reaſon to ſlight it, becauſe the morning before, a Knight [Sir *Thomas Longvile*] had been with him, and told him there was a deſign againſt him of the ſame kind, and deſired him to inquire after it.

In the evening I met with Mr. *Blood*, who deſired me to keep my Correſpondence with the ſaid *Nettervile*, and to know of him how I ſhould be ſecured my payments, and what it was they would have me do.

On the 16*th* I went accordingly to him, and told him I had conſidered of what we had diſcourſed before, and had ſtopt my Journey as to that day; he was very glad to ſee me, and told me, that the party [*Ruſſel*] had been with him again about the buſineſs, and I might get 500 *l.* without any prejudice to my ſelf; I told him that Money would do me a great kindneſs at this time (for he knew I had waited a long time here, and that it was very hard with me), therefore deſired to know what they would have me to do, and how I ſhould be ſure of the 500 *l.* for I expected it ſhould be a perſon of good credit that would lay down the 500 *l.* He told me I ſhould not need to queſtion that, for they were of credit enough. But he that came to him [*Ruſſel*], was only imployed to pay the Money; and if I ſhall tell him that you will do the buſineſs, you ſhall be ſure of the Money; not ſo, ſaid I, Firſt let me know what it is diſtinctly, and how I ſhall be ſure of the 500 *l.* or elſe I will not ſtir a foot in it, but be gone on *Monday*. Saith he, Would you have the Money before-hand? then it may be you will not do it. No, ſaid I, that I do not deſire. But will you depoſite it in a third hand? Truly, ſaid he, that is very fair, and I doubt not but they will do it (for I told him none was bet-

better able to carry it on than you ; for Mr. *Blood*'s Man was formerly your Servant, and preferred by you to him), and told me, that on *Saturday* by two or three of the Clock, his friend would be with him again ; but that he would be shy of discoursing with me; and desired that I would come to him [*Russel*] on *Monday*, and then I should understand more. Upon my return I acquainted Mr. *Blood* with the whole discourse, and that I was to leave the Town on *Monday*, having stayed my utmost time, because *I* had a Suit depending in Chancery, at *Dublin*; and that if I were not there the beginning of the *Term*, it would be great damage to me, because my absence would be looked upon as a Contempt ; but Mr. *Blood* requested me to stay until he had acquainted His Majesty, or one of his Secretaries with it, to know his pleasure as to my going or stay.

Sworn before me the 17*th* of *Jan.* 1678. *J. Williamson.*

John Bury.

Saturday the 18*th* day of *January*, I was with *James Nettervile* in the Evening; he told me his Friend [*Russel*] had left him about half an hour before I came, and that he acquainted him with what I propounded (to wit) that 500 *l.* should be deposited in a third persons hand ; and he told me his friend was contented it should be so, and thought it but reasonable, and therefore was willing to put it into a Goldsmiths hand. I asked him if they had considered the method we should carry this on ? and whether they had drawn up the heads of what I was to swear ? He told me, no ; but his friend would be with him again upon *Wednesday*, and that all things should be prepared and ready for me by *Thursday* morning. *I* asked him if it would be convenient for me to meet his Friend ? He told me not as yet, for he was very wary, shy, and fearful of being betrayed. I told him I thought my meeting with him was not material; only, said *I*, let him be sure to secure the Money, and he needs not doubt of effecting the business. But, said *I*, 500 *l.* is not all that I expect from him for this service, that is but a melting Cash, and *I* have a great Charge, and a Wife and six Children, and you know I have lyen a long time waiting here, almost to my utter ruin, and have been very hardly dealt with. Now, if I accomplish this, I shall lose my interest in all other Parties, and therefore expect he should make me a very good interest

with that Party. Never fear that, ſaid he, you ſhall have intereſt enough with them; and if we can but turn off this Plot, there is no danger of effecting our buſineſs; for, ſaith he, the King will believe nothing of it. Well, ſaid I, I muſt truſt to you to make my intereſt; but I partly ſee how things are like to go, and think it wiſdom to come in with the beginning of the Game. Saith he (ſwearing by his Maker) Never fear, if we turn off this Plot, we do our buſineſs, and you will be made for ever. But, ſaid I, Why will you defer this while *Wedneſday*? That is a great while, and delays are not good. Said he, I did not expect you till *Sunday*: But if I hear any thing in the mean time, I will write to you, and it ſhall be left at Mr. *Brooke*'s Lodging. I hear, ſaid I, the Parliament is Prorogued; and that is true enough, ſaid he; and till they meet again, we can receive no great damage. But, ſaid he, I hear the Apprentices are ready to riſe and pull down *Newgate*. Said I, then I ſuppoſe that is, becauſe the men [*Jeſuits*] are not executed. What elſe, ſaid he? and that is our great danger, that the people ſhould run into a Rebellion before we accompliſh our buſineſs. I asked him if he had taken an Abſtract, as he ſaid he would, of what that man in the priſon could ſwear, to take off Mr. *Bedlow*'s Evidence. I have not yet, ſaid he, but we are ſure enough of him, and ſhall make *Bedlow* Rogue enough. Pray, ſaid I, what will he ſwear? That the very morning the Proclamation came forth concerning Sir *Edmondbury Godfrey*, Mr. *Bedlow* came to his Chamber, and asked him if he had ever ſeen Sir *Edmondbury Godfrey*: For, ſaid he, if *I* knew what a like man he was, *I* could eaſily get 500 *l.* and however, *I* am reſolved to hazard my Neck, but I will have it; and that he would have had this man go with him to *Somerſethouſe* to ſee the Rooms, and promiſed to get him Money, if he would go with him. But, ſaid I, Mr. *Netterville*, it is ſaid Mr. *Bedlow* was out of Town before the Proclamation came out; that is not ſo, ſaith he, for this mans Wife went into the Countrey with him. A great deal of diſcourſe more we had, all tending to the incouraging of me to carry on this buſineſs, to turn this Plot to be a *Proteſtant Plot* for the deſtruction of the *Papiſts*, and then I ſhould be made for ever. When I paid the Reckoning, and was coming away, ſaid he, you will always come to your charge, but I hope the end will pay for all.

On *Wedneſday* the 22*d*, at Night, I went to Mr. *Netterville*, expecting to have the Model how they would have me Swear, and in what Goldſmiths hand they would put the 500 *l.* But as ſoon as ever I came to him, he told me that he had been put into ſuch a fright, that he was never in all his life before; for, ſaid he, Mr. *Oates*, Mr. *Bedlow*, Sir *William Waller*, and another Juſtice have been with me; they called for Irons, one would have fifty pound weight, another would have an hundred pound weight put upon me. At length Sir *William Waller* began to examine me, and told me, he knew I could diſcover a great deal; ſo I deſired the reſt might be put out of the Room, and I confeſt all to him and the other Juſtice, they both promiſing me my pardon. Have you confeſt all, ſaid I? how could I help it, ſaid he? I was never in ſuch a fright in all my life; and they promiſed me my pardon. What have you confeſt, ſaid I? I have told them, ſaid he, That 500 *l.* was to be depoſited in a Goldſmiths hand, and that I had ſent for a Gentleman, and treated with him about it. Have you told them my Name, ſaid I? He pauſed at that; No, ſaid he; but I muſt tell them, but I thought firſt to acquaint you with it. Then ſaid I, it ſeems you have left me in the lurch, and have made no proviſion for me; therefore ſince it is ſo, you will give me leave to play my own Game; and ſeeing you have confeſt, let us now play our Game as well as we can on the other ſide, and be ſure to be ingenuous, and confeſs whatever we know. I will immediately to Sir *Joſeph Williamſon*, and declare the whole Story. Pray do ſo, ſaith he, neglect no time, but go this night. And ſo we parted.

John Bury.

The Depoſition of Alderman BROOKS.

THAT on or about the 23*d* of *December*, 1678, I was at the *Marſhalſeys* in *Southwark*, where was one *James Nettervile*, a priſoner there for debt; who deſired me to do ſo much for him, as to carry a Note for a friend of his that was a Priſoner alſo, unto one *Pierce Butler*, that lived in *Germanſtreet*, near my Lodging; and ſaid, If I would procure any of his friends to come to his friend there, he would have Money enough, whereof he ſhould have a ſhare; and alſo it would be a great kindneſs to him; whereupon I told him I would, provided he would write it quickly. Whereupon he called forth his friend, and they two conſulted together, and he wrote two or three Lines, and gave them me for the ſaid *Butler*. But when I came to the place where I was directed, they told me he was gone out of Town in obedience to the Kings Proclamation. And ſo I troubled my ſelf no further, but put the Note in my Pocket: The next Morning he ſent a Meſſenger to me, to know what I had done in it; I deſired him to tell the ſaid Mr. *Nettervile*, that the ſaid Mr. *Butler* was gone out of Town in Obedience to His Majeſties Proclamation.

About Ten days after, I had occaſion for ſome waſte-paper; and putting my hand in my Pocket, I lit on this Note that I ſhould have delivered to *Butler*, and opened it, and read it, and found in it theſe words written, or to this effect.

Sir, I am here committed by the name of Daniel Edmonds, *by a Juſtice of the Peace in the Country, as being a Recuſant. And therefore I deſire of you, that you will come unto me here, that I may adviſe with you; and in ſo doing, you will oblige your friend,*

Dominick Kelly.

This run in my mind, till about the 5*th* inſtant at night; and then being at Mr. *Proctors* Coffee-houſe at *Charingcroſs*, I there met with a Paper, intituled, Mr. *Praunces Diſcovery of the Plot, and of Sir* Edmondbury Godfreys *Murtherers*; wherein (amongſt other things) there was mentioned two *Iriſh* Prieſts to be guilty, the one named *Gerrald*, and the other *Kelly*; where-

whereupon it came into my mind, that the man that I carried the Note for into *Germanſtreet*, muſt be the ſame *Kelly*, becauſe by that Note he was committed by the name of *Edmunds*, and his name was *Kelly*.

The next morning being the 16 of this inſtant *January* (thinking to have found the ſame *Kelly* there), I came there; and coming to the aforeſaid *Netterville*, and after ſome ſecret diſcourſe, I asked him how his friend did that I carried the Note for? he told me he procured Bail. Then I asked him what he was? he told me that he was a *Prieſt*, and one of thoſe that *Oats* (that Rogue) had impeached. I asked him how he could get Bail, being a *Prieſt*; he told me, they did not know that he was a *Prieſt*; and thoſe that were his Bail, would be Bail for any for money; and he gave them Ten Shillings a piece, and the fellow that procured them, Five Shillings; and he got them the Copy of his Commitment for them to move by; and the *Prieſt* promiſed him, the ſaid *Netterville*, ſeven pounds. But he had not left it him as yet; and ſo we left this diſcourſe, and came to other.

That he having ſent by me a Letter, and a Petition to Mrs. *Eleanor Wall*, a Gentlewoman that belongs to the Dutcheſs of *Portſmouth* (whom he calls Cozen), whereby to get him ſome money for his preſent ſupply: but I having no opportunity to meet with her, could give him no account of that matter; whereupon he ſaid, that he was in ſuch want, that if he had not help ſpeedily, he ſhould be turned into the Common-ſide: I told him that money was ſo ſcarce with me, that I could not lend him any; but if I could, I would. Whereupon he called me aſide into the corner of the Yard, by the Gate, and told me, That if I would be rul'd by him, he would put me into a way whereby we ſhould have money enough. I asked him how? he told me, if I would but joyn and aſſiſt to villify the Evidence of *Oats* and *Bedlow*, thoſe two Rogues; whereupon I laughed at him, and ſaid, It is impoſſible; their Evidence was grounded upon too good a foundation: he told me I was miſtaken, and I ſhould hear otherwiſe in a little while.

Upon the 17*th* of *January* I went again to him, thinking to have gained ſomething of him, what was become of this *Prieſt*, but could not; and was taking my leave of him, ſaying, I muſt go home, for I had ſome buſineſs to write for *Ireland*, to ſend by Captain *Bury*, who was to go on *Monday*; he

told me, he believed he ſhould ſtop Captain *Burys* Journey; I told him, I hoped not ſo; he anſwered, it ſhould not be to his prejudice. To which I anſwered, why then with all my heart, for I would not be againſt any thing that ſhould be for his good. And ſo there came in one *Ruſſel* an *Iriſh* man, that had ſome buſineſs with him. And ſo we parted.

William Brooks.

The Second Information of Mr. Brooks.

I Being with Mr. *Nettervile* at the *Marſhalſey* in *Southwark*, Mr. *Nettervile* deſired me I would do him the kindneſs as to carry another Letter for his Friend to one Capt. *Kelly*, who had three or four Employments in the *Tower* of *London*. I told him I would if it was any kindneſs to him. So *Nettervile* with *Dominick Kelly* went together, and wrote a Letter to this Capt. *Kelly* of the *Tower*; the Contents were much the ſame with that I carried to *Pierce Butler*. I carried it to the *Tower*, and Capt. *Kelly* was not at home; ſo I delivered it to his Wife. As ſoon as ſhe read it, the tears were in her eyes; ſhe ſtruck her hand on her breaſt, ſaying, *Alas poor man, is he taken? I was in hopes he had been ſafe, of all the reſt.* She thankt me very kindly, and told me, as ſoon as her Husband came home, ſhe would give it him. When I went to Mr. *Nettervile* again, he thankt me for carrying the Letter for his Friend *Dominick Kelly* to the *Tower*; and told me Capt. *Kelly* had been with them, and treated them very civilly with wine and meat, and had ſpent five ſhillings upon them. I asked *Nettervile* what Capt. *Kelly* was? He told me he was a true *Iriſh* man. I asked him if he was a Papiſt? He hath taken the Oaths, ſaid he; but he is a well-wiſher to us. On *Thurſday* the 16 of *January*, *Nettervile* deſired me to carry a Letter from himſelf to Capt. *Kelly*, which Letter ſignified to him that his Friend *Dominick Kelly* was gone, and how that he had promiſed him 7 *l.* to diſcharge himſelf out of the Priſon, but had not yet been ſo good as his word; therefore deſired that he would take ſome ſpeedy courſe that he may have the 7 *l.* to diſcharge himſelf out of Priſon. This Letter I delivered to Capt. *Kelly*'s own hand in the *Tower*. He read it, and told me he was very glad his Friend was out; but that he had never ſeen him ſince; pray, ſays he, remember me kindly to Mr. *Nettervile*, and tell him, For his kindneſs to my Friend, I will do him all the ſervice I can.

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Upon the 28*th* of *January* I was desired by Sir *Joseph Williamson*, to go to Mr. *Nettervile*, to try what more I could get out of him. On the 30*th* I went to him, and told him, that I had met with Sir *Joseph Williamson*; and he seemed to be angry, and thought we had not discovered all we knew. And I told *Nettervile*, that although he had promise of his pardon, yet it was expected he should do more for it than he had done: As for my part, said I, you know I could discover nothing, but what discourse passed betwixt you and I, and that I have done to the full. Therefore, if you know any more, I would advise you to discover it; for since you have gone thus far, *I* think you ought not to conceal any thing of what you know more. The Grand thing I perceive they desire of you, and that which I think is all they can expect from you, is, That you would declare from whom the 500 *l.* was to come. He thankt me for my advice, and told me, that he believed Sir *Joseph Williamson* had not perused all his Examinations, for he had Answered all the Questions they had asked him. And if they had any thing more to ask him, he would Answer them.

Upon *Friday* the 31*th* of *January*, I acquainted Sir *Joseph Williamson* with what he said; he ordered him to be brought to the Council on *Saturday* morning, where I met him at the door, before he was call'd; I told him, I supposed the chief Question that would be put to him, would be, Whose this 500 *l.* was? and begged of him that he would discover what he knew of it. Upon his coming out from the Council, I asked him if that was not the question they put to him? he told me it was: I asked him what account he had given them? he told me he thought they were satisfied, for they were very kind to him, and promised him, that so long as they lived, he should have the protection of that Board.

On *Tuesday*, the 4*th* of *February* following, Sir *Joseph Williamson* seeing me at the Council-door, called me in, and asked me if I thought I could get any more out of *Nettervile*? I told him I thought he had given him satisfaction when he was before them, concerning whose the money was. I told Sir *Joseph* the discourse I had with *Nettervile* at his going into the House, and at his coming back; then he told me, that he had not been ingenuous with them, for he would confess nothing at first; but after some Questions being asked in general terms, he told them that it was to come from some of the Lords in the Tower; and de-

ſired me that I would go once more to ſee if I could get any thing from him.

The next morning the Earl of *Eſſex* deſired to ſpeak with me; I waited upon him at the Council-Chamber; and he deſired me alſo, that I would go to Mr. *Nettervile* to ſee what I could get further from him.

So on *Thurſday* the *6th* of *February*, I did go to Mr. *Nettervile*, and told him I was not come on a bare viſit; but I was commanded by the Earl of *Eſſex*, and Sir *Joſeph Williamſon* (whom he knew had both been very kind to him) to adviſe him, that he would be ingenuous, and diſcover what further he knew in this buſineſs. Truly, ſaid I, I ſuppoſe all they do expect from you, is, that you would make ſome clear diſcovery unto them whoſe money this 500 *l.* was; ſaith he (Swearing by his Soul) *I* did tell them all I knew, *I* thought they had been ſatisfied; no, ſaid *I*, they are not; and Sir *Joſeph Williamſon* ſaith, you were not ingenuous; for you only in general terms told them it was ſome of the Lords money in the Tower. Now if you can remember which of the Lords money it was, it may ſatisfie them; for they judg, and ſo do *I*, and every one elſe, that *Ruſſel* would as eaſily tell you whoſe it was, as to tell you it was ſome of the Lords in the Tower. I could get no more from him a great while; but after we had ſate and diſcourſed ſome time, he told me that *Brewer* was to be before the Council the next day, and he believed he ſhould be ſent for too; I ſuppoſe not, ſaid *I*, unleſs I have ſome better account to give them from you: ſo juſt upon my coming away I told him; Mr. *Nettervile*, I am ſorry I can give no better account of my Journey to you; therefore pray, if you have any thing more to ſay, let me know it before I go. After he had pauſed a while, By my Soul, ſaid he, I cannot remember the particular name of any Lord but one. Who is that, ſaid I? my Lord *Stafford*, ſaith he; but all the reſt were to contribute to it; for *Ruſſel* told me he was to go immediately to the Tower, to get the Money raiſed; and that it was a difficult thing to get all the Lords together; and if he ſhould go to them apart, they might make ſcruples, and ſo delay the buſineſs; and therefore he ſhould make all the haſte he could to get the Money ready.

A Relation of other Material Circumſtances and Diſcourſes, in reference to the before-mentioned deſign.

LEſt the *Jeſuitical* party ſhould ſay of the following Proceedings, that they are falſe and feigned, as their Impudence affirmeth in all other inventions of theirs, when detected; 'Tis neceſſary the World ſhould underſtand the occaſional Circumſtances, introducing this helliſh attaque to be made upon this honeſt Gentleman, Captain *Bury*, who for his worth and reputation is known to ſeveral perſons of Honour and good Quality in this Nation.

The affairs that brought him into *England*, from his habitation in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, was to Petition His Majeſty, and the Honourable Privy-Council, touching a Debt due to his Father, Sir *William Bury* of *Grantham* in *Lincolnſhire*, deceaſed, for his ſervice in being one of His Majeſties Lords Commiſſioners for managing the Government of *Ireland*; and in proſecution thereof, being ſeveral times in company with Mr. *Nettervile*, who was formerly a Clerk in the Court of *Claims*, in *Dublin*, and who pretended to inform the Captain of ſeveral concealed Lands and Houſes in *Ireland*, which he might place his Debt upon; And upon the Captains receipt of his ſaid Letter of the 11*th* of *January*, 1678, deſiring a ſpeedy Conference with the Captain, touching matters which may redound to his advantage, which the Captain readily embraced (ſuppoſing it referred to the ſaid concealed Houſes and Lands); and according to *Netterviles* requeſt by his Note, on the ſaid 13*th* of *January* laſt, the Captain viſited the ſaid *Nettervile* in the *Marſhalſey* in *Southwark*; when inſtead of a Communication as to the aforeſaid concerns (the ſaid *Nettervile* being no ſtranger to the Captains long abode here, and the expence he had been at in his ſolicitation) took the opportunity to feel the Captains pulſe, as to the horrid fact before-mentioned.

Prima facie. It aſtoniſhed the honeſt Captain to think that *Nettervile* had diſcovered a matter of that nature to him; and conſidering if he ſhould reveal it to any one, there would be but his aſſerting it, and *Netterviles* denial, beſides the cenſure the World would paſs on the Captains Reputation, from the apprehenſion in *Netterviles* breaſt, that the Captain would be, or was

fit to be profligated in ſuch a concern, which with the danger and hazard he might expoſe his life to by ſuch diſcovery, and the urgency of his particular affairs requiring his perſonal and ſpeedy attendance in *Dublin* (having two Conditional Decrees awarded againſt him, which would have been made abſolute this laſt *Hillary-Term* for want of his appearance there). All theſe Conſiderations made him ſometimes reſolve within himſelf, to ſtifle the wicked propoſal of *Nettervile*.

But weighing the direful effects of ſuch a contrivance, which if proſecuted by ſome other Inſtruments, when he was departed this Kingdom, would not only have been the deſtruction of his intimate friend, and old acquaintance, Mr. *Blood*, but prejudicial to His Majeſty, and the whole Kingdom, in taking off the evidence of Mr. *Oats* and Mr. *Bedlow*; and thereby the *Papiſts* might ſtill carry on their deviliſh deſign and plot, when they had waſhed their own hands, and made ſuch an alteration; when the innocent would have been ruined, and the true *Bloodſuckers* acquitted.

This Conſideration ſo affected the Captain, that he reſolved to leave the event of his particular concerns to Providence; and as you read by his Depoſition, he repaired to Mr. *Blood*, and gave him intelligence thereof. And having ſo imparted the ſame to him, the goodneſs of God appeared much to the Captains ſatisfaction, touching his troubleſome thoughts about his particular concerns, by His Majeſties Gracious pleaſure, in ordering Sir *Joſeph Williamſon* to write to the Lord Chancellor of *Ireland*, that the Captain might ſuſtain no damage in his Concerns, by his non-appearance there, being commanded by His Majeſty to attend His Service here, which Letter was ſent accordingly.

Upon the 17*th* of *January* laſt, as the Captain was going to attend Sir *Joſeph Williamſon*, to give in his Depoſition, meeting with Alderman *Brooks*, and diſcourſing with him of *Nettervile*, he told the Captain he had been at the *Marſhalſeys* the day before with *Nettervile*, and feared he had done a very ill thing; which upon the Captains enquiry what it was, the ſaid Mr. *Brooks* was ſomewhat unwilling to acknowledg, until he had ſearcht further into it. But before their departure, Mr. *Brooks* told the Captain, that *Nettervile* had procured Bail for one *Dominick Kelly*, who was one of the Murderers of Sir *Edmondbury Godfrey*; which Relation of the Alderman gave a Confirmation to the Captain of the wickedneſs of *Nettervile*, and Gods Goodneſs in animating the Captain to what he was then going about, touching his own Information.

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Which when he had ſignified to Sir *Joſeph Williamſon*, he was much affected with it, and told the Captain of what great concernment it was, to have the ſaid *Dominick Kelly* in cuſtody; and deſired the Captain to bring the ſaid Alderman *Brooks* to him; which the Captain deſired reſpite in, that Mr. *Brooks* might make ſome further inquiry, as he ſaid he would, into the concern; and alſo leaſt the Information given by the ſaid Captain ſhould be diſcovered, before there was a further progreſs made for the obtaining a full diſcovery of the deſign, and perſons acting therein.

Upon the [19 *January*] *Sunday* morning, Mr. *Brooks* came to the Captains Lodging, to know whether his Journey held for *Ireland* the next day; and then told the Captain he had been the day before with *Nettervile*; and upon the Captains demanding whether he had learnt any thing more touching *Dominick Kelly*, the ſaid Mr. *Brooks* gave the Captain the full account, which the Captain cauſed to be put in writing, and carried him to Sir *Joſeph Williamſon*, to make Oath of the ſame, which he did, which appears by his foregoing Information. And the Captain could not but take notice of a Series of Providence all along in this buſineſs; for by what Alderman *Brooks* atteſted, *Dominick Kelly* was ſo infatuated, as to ſend the Letter unſealed to *Pierce Butler* by the Alderman, although he was in ſuch dangerous Circumſtances.

Upon Mr. *Brooks* his free acknowledgment of theſe paſſages, the Captain (deſiring his ſecreſie) acquainted the ſaid Mr. *Brooks* of *Nettervile's* prank with him; which on the *Monday* following, Mr. *Brooks* (being to meet Mr. *Lowman* and Mr. *Glover*, the Keeper and Clerk of the *Marſhalſey*, to conſider ſome way for the diſcovery of thoſe who were Bail for *Dominick Kelly*) happened to give ſome hints of the Captains Information to the ſaid Mr. *Lowman*, and Mr. *Glover*; whereby Mr. *Oats* coming to have ſome underſtanding thereof, with Mr. *Bedlow*, and by an untimely proceſs therein, going to *Nettervile* with Sir *William Waller*, ſpoyled the Proceedings, which otherwiſe might in a little time have produced the 500 *l.* depoſited in the Goldſmiths hand, and full intelligence of the parties concerned in the project, and of the Depoſitions which the Captain was to have Sworn, when he received the 500 *l.* from *Ruſſel*, and the ſeizure of the ſaid *Ruſſel*, &c.

Upon *Thurſday* the 23*d* of *January*, Mr. *Brooks* met with the Captain, and told him what *Nettervile* had related to him of the buſineſs of Captain *Kelly* in the *Tower*; He told him the ſtory,

as you find in his Information. And further told the Captain, that he had another Letter, which he was going to carry to Captain *Kelly* in the *Tower*; and *Nettervile* told him the said Mr. *Brooks*, that if Captain *Kelly* did not send him the 7 *l.* he the said *Nettervile* did know enough to turn him out of the *Tower*. I have, saith *Brooks*, taken a Copy of this Letter, and the Captain desired he might see it, which he did; and the Contents were to signifie to Captain *Kelly*, what a fright the said *Nettervile* had been put into by Mr. *Oats* and Mr. *Bedlow*, having been with him. And therefore *Nettervile* desired Captain *Kelly* to send him the 7 *l.* to discharge him out of that prison, lest worse should come on it; and upon the Captains reading the Copy of the said Letter, he desired Mr. *Brooks* not to be too hasty in delivering that Letter to Captain *Kelly*; but that he would draw up by way of Information what he had told him, and go along with the said Captain to Sir *Joseph Williamson*, and give in the Information, and take his advice.

So that on *Friday* the 24*th* of *January*, the Captain and Mr. *Brooks* went to Sir *Joseph Williamson*, and gave him the Information, and the said Letter with the Copy thereof; Then Sir *Joseph* told the Captain and Mr. *Brooks*, that the Committee of Lords was going to sit, and that they should attend at the Council-door, and he would call them in, that they might know their Lordships pleasure, as to the delivery of the Letter to Captain *Kelly*. After debate, their Lordships were of opinin, That the Letter should not be delivered, but thought they had sufficient ground to seize Capt. *Kelly*, and to search his house for *Dominick Kelly*, and for papers; in order to which, Sir *Joseph Williamson* was sent for his Grace the Duke of *Monmouth*, who immediately came to the Council, where the Lords acquainted his Grace with the business, and desired he would give Mr. *Brooks* a Warrant to fetch Capt. *Kelly*. His Grace was pleased to send for his Secretary, and ordered him immediately to draw a Warrant directed to Sir *John Robinson*, to assist them with a Guard, for executing the Warrant, and *Nettervile* was ordered to be brought to the Council that afternoon.

And so the Captain and Mr. *Brooks* accompanied with Sir *William Waller*, went to the *Tower*; and being guarded by Sir *John Robinson*, came to Captain *Kellys* house, and there his Foot-boy came to the door; and upon enquiry for his Master, the Boy replied, he was not within; they askt him if he knew where he was; the Boy told them no, for he dined abroad: They went in-

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to the House, and in the Room where the Lord *Stafford* lodgeth, they found Capt. *Kelly*, and brought him to the Council with what papers they could find; but *Nettervile* had been examined, and was gone away before, and had confessed the sending the Letters, and Capt. *Kellys* being with them in the *Marshalseys*, &c.

The Captain thereupon was put into the Messengers hands, and ordered to be brought before their Lordships next morning, and *Nettervile* also (who were face to face at the Council-Table).

Capt. *Kelly* denied that he knew this *Dominick Kelly*: *Nettervile* told him he would not deny surely that he was with them at the *Marshalseys*, which Capt. *Kelly* then confessed; some of their Lordships asked what he did at the *Marshalseys?* Captain *Kelly* said, he went to visit Mr. *Nettervile*: Truly, said *Nettervile*, 'twas kindly done of you, Sir, for I never saw or heard of you before, until your Cozen *Dominick Kelly* told me of you, and desired me to send a Letter from him to you.

Capt. *Kelly* after Examination, was committed to a Messenger again; but soon after he put in Bail, and I have heard there was an Order of Council to turn him out of his employment. But whether it be so, or no, I know not.

That *Russel* (upon the *Thursday* after Mr. *Oats* and Mr. *Bedlow* had been with *Nettervile* at the prison) came again to *Nettervile*, and instead of being apprehended, as *Nettervile* promised *Lowman* he should, *Nettervile* gave him notice of the discovery, and he went out immediately and scaped. And after he was gone, *Nettervile* then told *Lowman* he had been there; they pursued him, and saw him take Boat, but could not overtake him. But Mr. *Brooks* had a Warrant from Sir *Joseph Williamson* to search for him at his house; but his Wife told them, that he was at the *French* Ambassadors house, and had not lain at home in ten or twelve Nights; which the Council being informed of, were very diligent to apprehend him, and offered 20 *l.* to those that could discover him.

This *Russel*, mentioned in the Deposition, is a Rank *Papist*, and an *Irish*-man, who married Madam *Rowse*, the Dutchess of *Portsmouths* Gentlewoman: *Nettervile* and *Brewer* are of the same Faction, and are now Prisoners in the *Marshalseys*. The Deponents, Capt. *Bury* and Alderman *Brooks*, are both honest Gentlemen, and good Protestants; and such whose Principles detested either to engage in, or conceal such abominable Villany: However,

Netterville was so infatuated, as to conceive them fit to be profligated.

Now Reader, thou hast seen the whole contrivance, *&c.* and mayest easily discern what the intentions of the *Romanists* were; what the natural consequence thereof would have been, I leave to thy own conjecture, and shall only add this true circumstance, as a farther Confirmation of their wicked design in this matter, *viz.*

That several persons (by them appointed) were a little before this discovery at the Houses of some *Presbyterians*, well known in the City of *London*, to pray their charitable contribution towards the maintenance of Mr. *Oats* and Mr. *Bedlow*, upon this specious, though false suggestion, That His Majesties allowance was not sufficient for their incouragement; but the parties to whom they applied themselves (supposing their intentions were to abuse their King and Countrey, and to procure Coyn for themselves), rejected them with checks; and it was well they did; for otherwise, who knows what advantage they might have made thereof, in order to the effecting their wicked enterprize?

And thus I have done, trusting to the Readers Candor; which if a Protestant, I do not doubt of; if a *Papist*, neither expect or care for it; I being one of quite different principles, and one whose prayers, as well as endeavours, shall be constantly engaged, for the frustration of their hellish Attempts.

Concerning my intentions in the publication of these Depositions, they were only for the publick good, and to expose to view the wicked subtilties of these men, that the Nation (and all true Protestants) may be made sensible of their devices; that if ever they use the same, or the like again, they may be with the more ease detected, and rendred abortive. And also that all sincere Christians, may ascribe the praise of all their deliverances (as well of this as others) to that God who hath so visibly and constantly appeared for the Vindication of his people, and for infatuating the persons, as well as rendring unsuccessful the Attempts of his and their implacable Enemies.

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